

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP RCE</b>
Shigeyuki Akimoto et al.	)	
Application No.: 10/556,916	)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filing Date: November 15, 2005	)	Examiner: Vanchy Jr., Michael J.
Title: OUTER SURFACE-INSPECTING	)	Confirmation No.: 1621
METHOD, MASTER PATTERNS	)	
USED THEREFOR, AND OUTER	)	
SURFACE-INSPECTING	)	
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH	)	
A MASTER PATTERN	)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ a. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments **not** be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 1.c. below.
- ☒ b. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following document(s) for which continued examination is requested:
- ☒ i. Consider the Amendment previously filed on October 19, 2009.
- ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ iii. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ c. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> i. Amendment/Reply                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iv. Petition for Extension of Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)       | <input type="checkbox"/> v. Other:                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> iii. Information Disclosure Statement |  |

2. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of two months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months. **Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.**)
3. ☒ **The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.** The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims previously paid for in this application prior to this submission.

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<b>RCE Fee (1801)</b>					<b>\$ 810</b>
	<b>No. of Claims</b>	<b>Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Total Claims	5	20	0	x 52 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x 220 (1201)	\$ 0
<b>Total Fee</b>					<b>\$ 810</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ - 0
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 810</b>

4. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.
5. ☒ Charge \$1300.00 to credit card for the fee due.
6. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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